

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Tom Rooney (FL-17) today cosponsored the Protect America’s Schools Act, which will give local law enforcement agencies new resources to put uniformed officers in schools.

“Putting more uniformed officers in schools is the one step we can take that we know will deter violent actions and protect our children,” Rooney said. “This is common sense. I’ve talked to the sheriffs in my district, and they’re either already putting uniformed officers in schools, or they want to do so but can’t afford it. Refunding the Cops in Schools program will give local law enforcement officials the resources they need to keep our children safe.”

The Protect America’s Schools Act, introduced today by Rep. Mark Meadows (NC-11) reinstates the Cops in Schools (CIS) grant program, which has not been funded since 2005. CIS is specifically designed to give local law enforcement agencies additional resources to hire new police officers to protect schools. Funding for CIS would be offset, and the bill would not add to the deficit.

Joining Rooney as original cosponsors are Representatives Gus Bilirakis (FL-12), Rich Nugent (FL-11), Bill Cassidy (LA-06), Cynthia Lummis (WY) and David Joyce (OH-14).

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